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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
REVISION #1

June 7, 2017

A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on **June 9-11, 2017** at the **Mazatzal Hotel (Fireside Room), Highway 87, Mile Marker 251, Payson, Arizona 85541**, as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D). **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or view the meeting at http://www.azgfd.gov/inside_azgfd/CommissionCam.shtml. On Friday only, members of the public may view the meeting from any Department Regional Office and the Department's Headquarters via video teleconference. Members of the public attending in person or viewing via video teleconference may submit Speaker Cards (Blue Cards) if they wish to speak to the Commission. The ability to speak to the Commission for those viewing the webcast is not available.** Unless expressly provided otherwise with any item on the agenda, the Commission may discuss and vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, June 9, 2017 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome/Introductions

Awards and Recognition

- 1. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.
- 2. Briefing on the American Fisheries Society. Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Chief, Aquatic Wildlife Branch.** The Commission will be briefed on the vision of the American Fisheries Society.
- 3. Consent Agenda.** The following items have been grouped together and are hereby noticed as consent agenda items to expedite action on routine matters, which may not require public discussion. The Commission will be asked to approve briefings and updates without further public input or discussion and to approve other matters as presented, subject to approval or recommendations of the Office of the Attorney General. Commission members may remove certain items if further public input or discussion is deemed necessary.

- a. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for a Habitat Restoration Project Located in North Central Arizona. Presenter: Al Eiden, Landowner Relations and Habitat Enhancement Program Manager.** The Commission may approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Department to cooperate with the Natural Resource Conservation Service on projects that improve wildlife habitat.
 - b. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Arizona Land and Water Trust, Inc. Presenter: Keith Knutson, Wildlife Contracts Branch Chief.** The Commission may approve a MOU with The Arizona Land and Water Trust (ALWT) to cooperatively convert agricultural lands to native cover crop for wildlife.
4. **State and Federal Legislation. Presenter: Ed Sanchez, Legislative Liaison.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.
 5. **Commission Priorities Update. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will provide an update on efforts towards accomplishing Commission priorities and will provide an expanded presentation on Customer Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation. The Commission may discuss and provide additional direction.
 6. **Update on the Department's Deployment of the Arizona Management System (AMS). Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Department will provide an update on its deployment of AMS methods and tools to reduce waste and build sustainable efficiency in Department systems and processes.

TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00 AM

7. **Hearings on License Revocations for Violations of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife. Presenter: Gene F. Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below:

Name	Docket #	Count	Conviction
Daniel S. Ashley	2017-0023	Count B:	Waste edible portion of game meat
Raymond C. Alvarado	2017-0031	Count A:	Take elk and knowingly permit edible portions to go to waste
Colten Ray Hood	2017-0032	Count C:	Take antelope buck in closed season
Adrian H. Manilla	2017-0033	Count B:	Waste edible game meat
Jorge A. Estrada	2017-0034	Count A:	Possession of unlawfully taken deer

8. **REMOVED.** (Petition by Robert Dreebin, Jennifer Currie and Hali Comon to be Granted tags from one of the five hunts they applied for during the 2017 Elk/Antelope).
9. **Petition by Charles and Gene Stewart to be Granted tags from either of the hunts they applied for during the 2017 Elk/Antelope Draw. Presenter: Rachel Gottlieb, Branch Chief, Customer Service & Sales Branch.** Mr. Gene Stewart and the other applicant are petitioning the Commission to request tags in hunt 3037 or 3038.
10. **Briefing on the Arizona Conservation Strategy. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat Evaluation and Lands Branch Chief.** The Commission will be briefed on the development of the Arizona Conservation Strategy.

Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)

Agenda Items #11 and 12 are first read items. The Commission may choose to take action on first read items as needed or may direct the Department to place first read items on the consent agenda for approval at the next Commission meeting.

- 11. Approve Impact Analysis on Rotenone for the Department's Coconino National Forest Stock Tank Non-native Fish Removal Treatment Plan. Presenter: Chris Cantrell, Chief, Aquatic Wildlife Branch.** The Department is requesting the Commission's approval that the impact analysis conducted for the Department's Coconino National Forest Stock Tank Non-native Fish Removal Project Treatment Plan is sufficient to use rotenone for the removal of non-native fish.
- 12. Transfer in Title of Commission Owned Lee Valley Property in Apache County, Arizona. Presenter: Joyce Francis, Habitat, Evaluation and Lands Branch Chief.** The Commission will be asked to approve placement of restrictions on the deed to the Lee Valley Property and the subsequent transfer in title of the property.
- 13. Approve Agreement with Arizona State Lottery. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission may approve an agreement with the Arizona State Lottery to maintain lottery vending machines at Department offices to generate funding for wildlife conservation programs.

TIME CERTAIN AT 2:00 PM

- 14. Approve Proposed Commission Order 29 for Special Big Game License-Tag Seasons for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, Pronghorn Antelope, Elk, Turkey, Javelina, Bighorn Sheep, Buffalo, Black Bear, and Mountain Lion for the 2018–2019 Special License Tag Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission Order 29: Special Hunts, establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for Special Big Game Hunt License Tags. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.
- 15. Authorize Issuance of Special Big Game Hunt License Tags to Organizations for Pronghorn Antelope, Bighorn Sheep, Black Bear, Buffalo, Elk, Javelina, Mountain Lion, Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer, and Turkey for 2018–2019. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission will consider and may vote to authorize issuance of Special Big Game License Tags to organizations for 2018–2019 Special Big Game License Tags as per R12-4-120.
- 16. A Briefing on Public Comment Received and Proposed Revisions to the Hunt Guidelines for the 2018-2019 and 2022-2023 Hunting Seasons. Presenter: Amber Munig, Big Game Management Supervisor.** The Commission will be briefed on the comment received thus far on the existing hunt guidelines and a preliminary draft of revised guidelines will be presented. Comment received on the preliminary draft at public meetings and through written correspondence will be shared as well.
- 17. Approve the Expenditure of Unspent Balances in the Heritage Fund (excluding Acquisition), Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund, Off Highway Vehicle Fund, Wildlife**

and Sport Fish Restoration, State Wildlife Grants, Coast Guard Grants, Program Income, Endangered Species Act (Section 6), Capital Improvement Fund, Indirect Cost Recovery Fund and Contracts for Fiscal Year 2018. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director. The Commission will also be asked to approve the expenditure of unspent fund balances from the Heritage Fund (excluding Acquisition), Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund, Off Highway Vehicle Fund, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration, State Wildlife Grants, Coast Guard Grants, Program Income, Endangered Species Act (Section 6), Capital Improvement Fund, Indirect Cost Recovery Fund and Contracts for Fiscal Year 2018.

18. **Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Game and Fish Fund Budget and the Fiscal Year 2019 Game and Fish Fund Budget Request. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Game and Fish Fund budget and asked to approve the proposed expenditures from the Game and Fish Fund for Operating and Capital Outlay programs for Fiscal Year 2019.
19. **Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Watercraft Licensing Fund Budget and the Watercraft Licensing Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Watercraft Fund budget and approve the proposed expenditures from the Watercraft Licensing Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.
20. **Approve the Game, Nongame, Fish and Endangered Species Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed operating expenditures from the Game, Nongame, Fish and Endangered Species Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.
21. **Approve the Capital Improvement Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Capital Improvement Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.
22. **Approve the Wildlife Endowment Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the Wildlife Endowment Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.
23. **Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Off-Highway Vehicle Fund Budget and the Off-Highway Vehicle Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Off-Highway Vehicle Fund budget and to approve the proposed expenditures from the Off-Highway Vehicle Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.
24. **Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Heritage Fund Budget and the Heritage Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Heritage Fund budget and to approve the proposed expenditures from the Public Access; Identification, Inventory, Acquisition, Protection, and Management; Habitat Evaluation and Protection; Urban Wildlife and Urban Wildlife Habitat; Environmental Education; and Administration and Support Services (Interest Monies) sub-funds for Fiscal Year 2019.
25. **Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Budget and the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter:**

Ty Gray, Deputy Director. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund budget and to approve the proposed expenditures from the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2019.

- 26. Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Indirect Cost Recovery Fund Budget and the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** Request to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Commission approved Indirect Cost Recovery Fund budget and to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 expenditures from the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund.
- 27. Approve the amended Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Assistance Funds Budget Request and the Fiscal Year 2019 Federal Assistance Funds Budget Request. Presenter: Ty Gray, Deputy Director.** The Commission is asked to vote to approve the proposed expenditures from the modified budget for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration grants, State Wildlife Grant and Coast Guard Boating Safety Grant for Fiscal Year 2018 and the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Grants, Program Income, State Wildlife Grants, Coast Guard Boating Safety, Section 6 Endangered Species Grant and Contracts for Fiscal Year 2019.
- 28. Commission Meeting Travel Considerations. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will discuss Commission meeting travel cost considerations and guidelines with the Commission.
- 29. Update of Commission Awards. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will present the Commission with a list of award categories for the 2017 Commission Awards to be presented at the January 2018 Commission Awards Banquet. The Commission may vote to take action or provide the Department further direction on this item.
- 30. Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and Election of Positions and Appointments to Standing Committees. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Commission will vote to elect a Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The incoming Commission Chair will then appoint individual Commissioners to chair the committees from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The Commission may vote to establish or dissolve committees.
- 31. Proposed Dates and Locations of Arizona Game and Fish Commission Meetings for 2018 and January 2019. Presenter: Kent Komadina, Special Assistant to the Director.** The Department will ask the Commission to consider and select proposed meeting dates and locations for the Year 2018 and for January 2019.
- 32. Executive Session (The Commission will not vote to take any action during Executive Session).**
 - a. Litigation and Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning the *United States v. Freeport-McMoRan Corporation* (the Morenci Mine NRDA Settlement); Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP); *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish*

Commission, CV2014-013211; Land Management Plans for the Prescott and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Zuni water rights settlement agreement*; Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Project; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-0817 (AZ); *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019 (AZ); *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, CV 15-00245 (AZ); *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, CV 15-00285 (AZ); *Safari Club International v. Jewell*, 16-00094 (AZ); *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*, 16-2189; *Dennis Scarla v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, LC2017-000019-001 DT; *Ralph Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department*, 2 CA-CV 2010-0098.

- b. **Litigation and Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning the legal strategy recommendations from the Department's legal strategies team.
 - c. **Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice on federal firearms statutes that authorize foreign nationals with a hunting license issued by a state to purchase a firearm.
 - d. **Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice on Arizona's Public Records Law and disclosure of personal identifying information.
 - e. **Purchase of Real Property and Legal Advice.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (7) for the purpose of discussion or consultation with Department staff in order to consider its position and instruct its representative regarding the purchase of real property and for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel for legal advice.
 - f. **Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) to discuss personnel matters associated with the Director's duties, responsibilities and performance. The Commission may take action in the public session or defer any action to a later date.
33. **Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *Holden and Guynn v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, CV2014-013211; *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River*; *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Forest Service*, CV 12-08176; *Center for Biological Diversity v. Jewell*, CV 15-00019-LAB; *State of Arizona v. Jewell*, 15-CV-00245-CKJ; *WildEarth Guardians v. Ashe*, 15-CV-00285; *Safari Club International v. Jewell*, CV 16-00094; *WildEarth Guardians v. Heather Provencio*, CV 16-0810; *New Mexico Game and Fish Department v. USFWS*, 16-2189; Land Management Plans for the Prescott and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests; Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan (LTEMP); *Dennis Scarla v. Arizona Game and Fish Commission*, LC2017-000019-001 DT.
34. **Approve and Sign Minutes.** The Commission may approve and sign the Commission meeting minutes from May 5, 2017 and May 15, 2017.

35. **Commissioner Committee Reports.** Commissioners may provide an update on the subcommittees that they chair regarding current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
36. **Director and Commissioner Comments.** The Director and the Commissioners may provide brief comment on current events and issues. This item is for information only. Items requiring discussion, deliberation or legal action must be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.
37. **Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

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Saturday, June 10, 2017 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

Awards and Recognition

1. **Executive Session. Conducting Interviews for Hiring a New Game and Fish Department Director.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) for the purpose of conducting interviews with qualified applicants for the position of Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
2. **Conducting Interviews for Hiring a New Game and Fish Department Director.** Upon a candidate's request and pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1), the Commission may conduct interviews of qualified candidates in the public session for the position of Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
3. **Selection of Final Candidates, Second Interviews and Selection of a New Arizona Game and Fish Director.** The Commission may select final candidates for director and decide to conduct second interviews. If the Commission decides not to conduct second interviews, the Commission may vote to appoint a new Arizona Game and Fish Director.

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Sunday, June 11, 2017 - Meeting begins at 8:00 A.M.

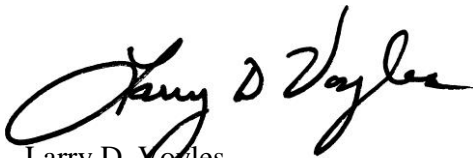
Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

1. **Executive Session. Conducting Second Interviews for Hiring a New Game and Fish Department Director.** The Commission may vote to meet in executive session in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) for the purpose of conducting second interviews with final candidates selected from the first round of interviews for the position of Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

2. **Conducting Second Interviews for Hiring a New Game and Fish Department Director.** Upon a candidate's request and pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1), the Commission may conduct second interviews of final candidates selected from the first round of interviews in the public session for the position of Director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
3. **Selection of a New Arizona Game and Fish Director.** The Commission may vote to appoint a new Arizona Game and Fish Director.

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Larry D. Yoyles
Director

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order. Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally. The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4). One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

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